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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE APPRECIATED YOUR FOLLOW-UP ON CFS STUDENTS (MOSCOW 361). WE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO CFS ONLY ON THE BASIS OF THE SHORT TERM PROBLEM CREATED BY SOKHIN'S PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE CABLE. WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH PUSHKIN INSTITUTE'S POLICIES ON PRIORITIES AND SELECTION IN THE GENERAL CASE.

2. FURTHER TO THE PRESS COVERAGE OF STEVER'S REMARKS ON SOVIET REQUESTS FOR LANDSAT SOVIET CROP FORECASTING, IT APPEARS TO BE A CASE OF EXAGGERATING INFORMAL EXCHANGES AT SOCIAL EVENTS. USDA ADVISES THAT ITS OFFICIALS, WHEN ASKED CASUALLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY SOVIETS LATE THIS SUMMER, REPLIED THAT LANDSAT PHOTOS SHOWED GOOD CROP CONDITIONS, E.G. MOISTURE, OVER MUCH OF THE SOVIET UNION.
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BILL VEALE IS SENDING A LETTER TO ALLEN WITH MORE DETAIL, BUT THE UPSHOT IS WE CAN FIND NO BASIS FOR ASSERTION OF A SPECIFIC SOVIET REQUEST NOR ANY AMERICAN PROVISION OF INFO BEYOND THAT NOTED ABOVE AND OTHER INSTANCES OF GENERAL COMMENT ON US TECHNIQUES AND PLANS.

3. PLEASE IGNORE STATE 003537 ASKING YOU FOR BIO

SKETCHES ON SOVIET CSCE FIGURES. WE DID NOT RPT NOT CLEAR CABLE AND HAVE INFORMED DRAFTING OFFICE THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED IS READILY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. WILL CONFIRM IN REGULAR CABLE. SORRY IF YOU HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF TRYING TO PROVIDE REQUESTED SKETCHES.

4. REF MOSCOW 0453 AND THE PETROSSIAN CASE, THE ATTORNEY ASSURES US THAT INS LA APPROVED THE PETITION AND IS SENDING YOU A TELEX. SINCE THIS IS SOMETHING OF AN END RUN, ALBEIT A LEGAL END RUN, WE WOULD RATHER NOT APPROACH INS DIRECTLY UNLESS NECESSARY. IF YOU DO NOT GET APPROVAL NOTIFICATION IN THE NEXT WEEK, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

5. RE KIEV, WE ARE ENGAGED IN A NIGHTMARISH NEGOTIATION WITH FBO ABOUT SIGNING THE LEASE EVEN IF THE SOVIETS CAVE ON THE POINTS OF INTEREST TO SOV AND YOU. I GATHER YOU ARE SENDING IN SOMETHING TO SATISFY THEM ON THE ISSUE OF THE EXTRA PAYMENT, AND UNTIL WE GET IT WE CAN'T GET ANY SENSIBLE INSTRUCTION OUT. WE HAVE ONE DRAFTED-SOME TIME AGO-WHICH HAS A STING IN IT IN THAT WE TELL THEM TO MOVE EVERYONE OUT EXCEPT THE BUILDING SITTERS AND REQUIRES THAT AMERICANS DO ALL THE WORK. IT ALSO ASSERTS FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE RECORD OUR RIGHT TO ENTER THEIR BUILDINGS TO INSPECT. BUT FBO IS HARDER THAN EVER TO DEAL WITH BECAUSE OF THE INSPECTION THEY'RE GOING THROUGH. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ADVISE ROBIN AND TOM TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT BY DECIDING SOME ISSUES ON THE PLANS, LARGER HOTEL ROOMS ETC. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT IS BEING ASKED TO DECIDE MANY MORE QUESTIONS THAN BOB RECALLS WERE REFERRED FROM LENINGRAD, AND THIS DOESN'T NECESSARILY PRODUCE MORE SENSIBLE ANSWERS. THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE REFERRED HERE AND YOU ARE THE BEST JUDGE OF WHICH ONES THEY ARE. BUT IF YOU'VE GOT A SPOT DECISION ON TRASH CHUTES OR AIR VENTS TO MAKE, THEY SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE DECIDED THERE.

6. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: WE HAVE AGAIN FOLLOWED UP REGARDING THE MESSAGE THAT YOU AND I DISCUSSED AND HOPE THAT IT CAN BE BROKEN OUT OF A LARGE LOG JAM OF OTHER SIMILAR MESSAGES SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE IT IN TIME TO BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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